

SBC is making this investment at a time when they, and other telecommunications companies, have dramatically slashed capital spending throughout the country.

This is the kind of investment that regulatory certainty and real competition bring and that is why I strongly support this legislation. If we can do for the country what we have done for the state of Oklahoma, Congress will go a long way toward reversing the economic slide currently enveloping the telecom sector. When all broadband providers are allowed to compete under the same rules, consumers win and the economy wins. I am pleased to sponsor this bipartisan approach to promoting competition for broadband services.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 255—TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 5, 2002, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK"

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 255

Whereas the operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of our criminal justice system;

Whereas correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity;

Whereas correctional personnel are responsible for the care, custody, and dignity of the human beings charged to their care; and

Whereas correctional personnel work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work lives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK.

That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning May 5, 2002, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution honoring our Nation's correctional officers and employees. This resolution reaffirms our support for the more than 200,000 corrections professionals who work in the face of danger while monitoring and reforming criminals and maintaining the safety of our communities.

I am pleased that Senators HATCH, STABENOW, REID, BOXER, KENNEDY, CLELAND, CANTWELL, WYDEN, THOMAS, BINGAMAN, DOMENICI, JEFFORDS, MURRAY, ROBERTS, FEINGOLD, HELMS, SAR-

BANES, and AKAKA have joined me in submitting this resolution today.

The job of correctional officers and employees is a dangerous, and often thankless, one. Most of us leave for work knowing that we will return home safe and sound at the end of the day. But, corrections personnel are not afforded this luxury. They put their lives on the line every time they begin a shift.

Tragically, many correctional officers have been permanently injured or killed in the line of duty. In all, more than 361 correctional officers and employees have died while on duty. This year, we honor nine: John Burkett III, Wayne Mitchell, James Salvino, Gregory Collins, George Turner, Richard Huffman, Virgil Reel, Timothy Williams, and Rodney Welch, whom we lost during the past year. We must not forget the sacrifices made by these heroic individuals for our public safety.

These courageous officers all died while performing the normal day-to-day tasks their jobs asked of them. Whether they died transporting inmates or responding to disturbances within their facilities, their loss reminds us of the many brave acts that take place daily among correctional officers and employees.

Since prison security never rests, officers work all hours of the day and night, weekends, and even holidays. But, corrections professionals do much more than just watch over prisoners. They also play an important role in reforming them and in lowering recidivism rates. Through literacy programs and vocational training, they work hard to transform offenders into productive, law-abiding members of society, which is sometimes no easy task.

The efforts of America's correctional officers and employees to make our world a better, safer place too often go unnoticed. Few of us can truly appreciate the perils faced daily by these courageous public servants. We not only owe them our recognition, but our gratitude as well. To that end, I am pleased to offer this resolution to designate the week beginning May 5, 2002, as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, and to honor and acknowledge their diligence and dedication to our public safety.

SENATE RESOLUTION 256—MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING FOR THE 107TH CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 256

Resolved, That the following be the minority membership on the Special Committee on Aging for the remainder of the 107th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Craig, Mr. Burns, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Santorum, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Hagel, and Mr. Smith of Oregon.

SENATE RESOLUTION 257—EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE FOR THE SERVICE OF SUZANNE D. PEARSON TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Mr. BYRD submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 257

Whereas Suzanne Pearson became an employee of the Senate on February 10, 1970, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate for almost 32 years;

Whereas Suzanne Pearson from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 2001, served as the Office Manager of the Office of the Legislative Counsel and demonstrated great dedication, professionalism, and integrity in faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of her position;

Whereas Suzanne Pearson retired on December 31, 2001, after more than 33 years of Government service; and

Whereas Suzanne Pearson has met the needs of the Senate with unfailing professionalism, skill, dedication, and good humor during her entire career: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Suzanne D. Pearson for her almost 32 years of faithful and exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, and expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude for her long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Suzanne D. Pearson.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 103—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was ordered held at the desk:

S. CON. RES. 103

Whereas the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) reports that approximately 42,000,000 people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment;

Whereas almost 28,000,000 people in the United States suffer from hearing loss;

Whereas 1 out of every 3 people in the United States over 65 years of age suffers from hearing loss;

Whereas although more than 25,000,000 people in the United States would benefit from the use of a hearing aid, fewer than 7,000,000 people in the United States use a hearing aid;

Whereas sounds louder than 80 decibels are considered potentially dangerous and can lead to hearing loss;

Whereas the number of young children who suffer hearing loss as a result of environmental noise has increased;

Whereas every day in the United States approximately 33 babies are born with significant hearing loss;

Whereas hearing loss is the most common congenital disorder in newborns;

Whereas a delay in diagnosing a newborn's hearing loss can affect the child's social, emotional, and academic development;